## **List of Current Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 6 (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) A method for updating device descriptions for different field devices for determining, and influencing process variables in process automation technology, where whereby the field devices are connected via a data bus, whereby a device description describes the functionality of the corresponding field device in a standardized language, and whereby a control unit and an external server are employed, comprising the step steps of:

storing the actual device descriptions for the field devices on a central server connected to the data bus via the internet;

storing and running an application program in a control unit for servicing, configuring, parameterizing, or troubleshooting a field device; and

downloading , by the application program in the control unit, and actual device descriptions description for the of a field devices device to be serviced from the external server central server in the case that the actual version of the device description of the field device is not available utilizing an application program in the control unit.

- 8. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein: the application program queries the <u>external</u> server, in regular intervals, as to whether new device descriptions are available.
  - 9. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein: the device descriptions are device descriptions DDs.

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- 10. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein: preconfigured device descriptions are stored in the <u>external</u> server.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein: the device descriptions in the <u>external</u> server are saved in respective national languages.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein: the control unit and the <u>external</u> server are connected with one another via the Internet.